

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 81 EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

WHEREAS, the Governors of Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana have proclaimed that a State of Emergency and a State of Disaster exists in these states due to Hurricane Katrina and thereby, have requested that States, through which property carrying vehicles regulated by size and weight laws, allow exemptions of said laws when vehicles traveling through such states are bearing equipment and supplies to provide relief to the disaster stricken areas in the above States; and;

WHEREAS, under the provisions of N.C.G.S. §§ 166A-4 and 166A-6(c)(3) the Governor of North Carolina, with the concurrence of the Council of State, may regulate and control the flow of vehicular traffic and the operation of transportation services; and

WHEREAS, with the concurrence of the Council of State, I have found that vehicles bearing equipment and supplies to relieve Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana's grief stricken areas must adhere to the registration requirements of N.C.G.S. § 20-86.1 and N.C.G.S. § 20-382, fuel tax requirements of N.C.G.S. § 105-449.47, and the size and weight requirements of N.C.G.S. § 20-116 and N.C.G.S. § 20-118; I have further found that citizens in those states have suffered losses and, the imminent threat of further widespread damage within the meaning of N.C.G.S. § 166-A-4(3) will occur,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, and with the concurrence of the Council of State, **IT IS ORDERED**;

Section 1. The Department of Crime Control & Public Safety in conjunction with the N.C. Department of Transportation shall waive certain size and weight restrictions and penalties therefore arising under N.C.G.S. § 20-116 and N.C.G.S. § 20-118 and certain registration requirements and penalties therefore arising under N.C.G.S. §§ 20-86.1, 20-382, 105-449.47 and 105-449.49 for the vehicles transporting food, fuel, equipment, and supplies along North Carolina's Interstate roadways en route to Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana's grief stricken areas.